

# The DuMont Television Network

## Historical Web Site

A series of Web pages devoted to the DuMont Television Network, America's fourth television network which operated from 1946 to 1956. After searching for such a page for some time, the author decided to fill the void himself by creating a site devoted to DuMont. This was the first, and is still the largest, DuMont resource on the Internet.

This site was originally launched on February 5, 1999 as a one-page article on DuMont with a few links, and has since expanded to the 26 pages you see below. The author has kept this site "low-graphics" to minimize loading time, conserve Web space (AOL permits only 2 MB), and keep the site blind-friendly. Like DuMont itself, these pages are in black-and-white.

If you enjoy this Web site, please take a moment to E-mail the author with your comments, questions, suggestions, and contributions. The author is grateful for the response to this site since its inception over three years ago. Many thanks in advance for your feedback.

*Note:* If you are viewing this site with Netscape Navigator 4.0 or higher, you will experience an HTML error which will cause some pages to be completely underlined. This is a problem with AOL Personal Publisher, with which these pages were created. If you encounter other problems or broken links, please E-mail the author with details.

## DuMont Network News

Ted Bergmann's remarkable tome on the rise and fall of the DuMont network has now been published. *The DuMont Television Network: What Happened?* is a book that any DuMont enthusiast must have. [Click here](#) to learn more or to order the book from its publisher, [Scarecrow Press](#). (This web site receives no compensation whatsoever from this link or sales of the book; the link is offered only for your convenience.)

The author of this Web site met Bergmann in 1989 but lost touch with him over the years, and was pleased to recently re-establish contact through this Web site and the publication of his new book. The author was particularly gratified to hear from Bergmann that, with respect to the DuMont story, this Web site "got it exactly right." With Bergmann's permission, the author has inserted quotes from his book on this Web site. Many thanks, Ted!

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's *Life Is Worth Living* continues in reruns on the [Eternal Word Television Network \(EWTN\)](#), a Catholic cable channel. Recently, EWTN has been airing black-and-white kinescopes that are obviously from the DuMont era. Don't miss the opportunity to see this dynamic personality on DuMont. Air times for the half-hour program (Eastern time zone in the

United States) are Mondays at 2 PM, Thursdays at 2 AM, and Fridays at 9 PM, unless preempted by special programming.

The CBS made-for-TV movie *Gleason*, which aired on October 13, featured several references to the DuMont network, including scenes of Jackie Gleason's big break as the host of DuMont's *Cavalcade of Stars*. Kudos to the producers for getting the DuMont logo right and affixing it to the television cameras (and a minor point of demerit: one of the DuMont studio monitors had the word "Admiral" emblazoned on the front!). The TNT cable movie *The Big Time*, which aired on October 20, also echoed the DuMont story, telling the tale of a fictional television network in Manhattan in 1948 (with its studios and offices on Madison Avenue), references to a show called "Cavalcade," and a "scientist and inventor" named "Doc" who was head of the network! The author is always grateful to see DuMont remembered on television, which, of course, Dr. Allen B. DuMont helped to invent.